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C O N F I D E N T I A L KABUL 3048

FOR NEA/PAB

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, AF, PK

SUBJ: TOW MISSILES, JEEPS SALES

1. WIRELESS FILE APRIL 23 CARRIES ANNOUNCEMENT THAT U.S. PREPARING SALE OF ONE-HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF QUOTE AMMUNITION, ANTI-TANK MISSILES, JEEPS AND OTHER MILITARY VEHICLES. END QUOTE.

2. UNLESS DEPARTMENT FEELS DIFFERENTLY, WE DO NOT PLAN INITIATE ANY COMMENT BUT, IF ASKED BY GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN (GOA), WE WOULD INDICATE THESE SALES ARE A LOGICAL FOLLOW-ON TO POLICY REGARDING ARMS SALES IN THE REGION WE ANNOUNCED (WITH ADVANCE NOTICE TO GOA) IN FEBRUARY LAST YEAR. THAT IS, THE U.S. IS PREPARED TO SELL ARMS TO COUNTRIES IN THE AREA WITH THE PROVISIO THAT SUCH SALES WOULD NOT UPSET THE BALANCE OF POWER IN THE SUB-CUNTINENT. WE WOULD ALSO POINT OUT THAT ITEMS MENTIONED IN WIRELESS FILE ARE CLEARLY IN DEFENSIVE CATEGORY.

3. ADVISE BY IMMEDIATE NIACT (OUR CIRUCITS ARE CLOSED TO ALL BUT NIACT TRAFFIC) IF PARAGRAPH TWO SATISFACTORY TO DEPARTMENT. IF OTHER LANGUAGE/GUIDANCE AVAILABLE, WE WILL APPRECIATE RECEIVING SAME.

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